

REMARKS

The last Office Actions have been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 21-22, 34-25, and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the U.S. patent to Topchiashvili in view of the U.S. patent to Dorris.

Claims 21-22 and 24-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the U.S. patent to Rokhvarger.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claim 23 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 23 has been gratefully acknowledged.

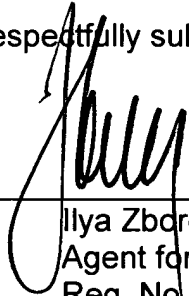
In connection with this indication, ^{22 and} claim 23 has been cancelled and its subject matter has been introduced into claim 21, the broadest claim on file. Therefore claim 21 should be considered as being in allowable condition.

The dependant claims have been retained with their dependency on amended claim 21. Since they share the allowable features of claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that they should be allowed as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-988-9010).

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